

Minutes for EISCC general meeting 14 December 2021

About 26 people attended this meeting at which Faith Action Network, our focus organization was represented by the retiring director, Paul Benz and the incoming policy director, Kristin Ang. Paul gave us the "lay of the land" for the upcoming state legislative session in Olympia. This will be a short (60 day) session, starting on 10 January and running till 10 March, and bills will need to move quickly through both houses and to the governor's desk to succeed. Most staff will function remotely. Committee hearings and caucus meetings will likely also be virtual, but floor actions are expected to be more normal, mostly in person, with some access to the gallery for vaccinated visitors. Faith Action Network lobby day will be on-line again. Democrats hold a slim majority in the senate (25 Democrats and 24 Republicans), and a bigger lead in the House (55 D to 43 R).

From Jean Harris to Everyone 11:58 AM

Jean Harris, Aldersgate UMC

From Brenda NAMI* Eastside to Everyone 11:59 AM

Brenda Freeman-NAMI Eastside-Brenda@nami-eastside.org

From Michael Johnson to Everyone 11:59 AM

Michael Johnson, St Louise Church, Bellevue michael@stlouise.org

From Steve Roberts to Everyone 11:59 AM

Steve Roberts, President EISCC, stevesroberts@comcast.net

From Nadine Bentsen to Everyone 11:59 AM

Nadine Bentsen Cross of Christ nadinebentsen@yahoo.com

From Patty Ebner to Everyone 12:00 PM

Rev. Patty Ebner, First Congregational Church of Bellevue, President-Elect EISCC

From Patty Ebner to Me (Direct Message) 12:00 PM

I have the Otter software program running to capture the conversation.

From Kristin Ang to Everyone 12:01 PM

Kristin Ang, Faith Action Network, Policy Engagement Director

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From Warren Marquardson to Everyone 12:01 PM

Warren Marquardson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints, Bellevue South,
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From Therese Paxton - Peer Kent/KCLS (she/her) to Everyone 12:01 PM

Therese Paxton - Peer Services Specialist - Peer Kent/King County Library System

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From Nancy Jacobs to Everyone 12:02 PM

Nancy Jacobs, Congregations for Kids, www.congregations4kids.org, bnjacobs@frontier.com

From Patty Ebner to Everyone 12:03 PM

Is there a slide deck for today's presentation?

From Alex Caldwell SVSS to Everyone 12:03 PM

Alex Caldwell Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services

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From Evergreen Mennonite to Everyone 12:03 PM

Jessica Wright, Pastor at Evergreen Mennonite Church (until Jan 2): evergreenmennonite@gmail.com

From Megan- The Sophia Way to Everyone 12:05 PM

Megan Duncan, Volunteer and Engagement Coordinator for The Sophia Way- Megan.d@sophiaway.org
(would love to be added to EISCC list serve- Thanks!)

From Kimberly Eickerman to Everyone 12:05 PM

Kimberly Eickerman Hopelink Bellevue keickerman@hopelink.org

From Me to Everyone 12:06 PM

Elizabeth Maupin here, from Spirit of Peace UCC and Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith coalition. At this point, the need for volunteers is even more crucial than space for severe winter shelters, so please spread the word that we need volunteers to help with staffing the shelters during severe weather conditions. Sometimes regular staff live far away and just cannot get there when their roads are not yet plowed. So we need volunteers in all corners of the county who can lend a hand at a nearby shelter, or step in for a few hours to allow regular staff to get some sleep onsite when it is too dangerous for them to drive home and return. The person to contact is Alexis Rinck alexis.rinck@kcrha.org

From Jack & Sharon to Everyone 12:07 PM

Jack Roos, Newport Presbyterian Church

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From Sharon Sherrard - KIN to Everyone 12:12 PM

Sharon Sherrard, Kirkland Interfaith Network, info@kirklandinterfaith.net

From Carol Ryan, (she/her) Attain Housing to Everyone 12:15 PM

Carol Ryan, Attain Housing Development Director, 206-419-1456 (cel), carol@attainhousing.org

Me to Kimberly Eickerman (Direct Message) 12:17 PM

what is Q1?

From Kimberly Eickerman to Me (Direct Message) 12:22 PM

Quarter 1. So sometime in the first 3 months of the new year is the hope to open to some in person options.

Me to Kimberly Eickerman (Direct Message) 12:26 PM

Thanks!

From Kristin Ang, FAN (she/her) to Everyone 12:28 PM

POVERTY/ECONOMIC JUSTICE/BUDGET

[Rep. Riccelli] Expand free lunches to all students. A large bill tied to Build Back Better. Expansion of community eligibility.

Budget -WSDA funding for emergency food program.

HB1406 [Rep.Frame] Billionaire's Tax on Excessive Wealth

HB1465 [Rep. Harris-Talley] Progressive Estate Tax

HB 1460 [Rep. Gregerson] Digital Equity Act. AN ACT Relating to closing the digital equity divide by increasing the accessibility and affordability of telecommunications services, devices, and training.

Communities for Our Colleges coalition continuing racial equity reforms (\$96M ask for wraparound student services—i.e. childcare, housing, bus passes, mental health services]

From Patty Ebner to Everyone 12:30 PM

Blue Christmas Service - VIRTUAL - 1st Congregational Church of Bellevue - Thursday, December 16, 2021 @ 7 PM - Zoom ID - 813 0418 4791 - Password: 4545001 - service is designed to support those who are grieving and struggling during this holiday season - music, reflection, candle lighting as names and concerns are lifted up - all are welcome

From Kristin Ang, FAN (she/her) to Everyone 12:31 PM

*HB1507 [Rep.Entenman] Independent Prosecutor (WA Coalition for Police Accountability)

*HB 1202 [Rep. Thai] Civil Liability (ACLU, WCPA)

*SB 5036 [Dhingra] Clemency reform and sentencing bill

*SB 5413 [C Wilson] Ending Solitary Confinement / HB [Rep. Peterson]

Police reform clarification bills

From Alexis Mercedes Rinck to Everyone 12:32 PM

Hi all,

From Therese Paxton - Peer Kent/KCLS (she/her) to Everyone 12:33 PM

Hi Alexis! ^_^

From Alexis Mercedes Rinck to Everyone 12:33 PM

My apologies for being late! Alexis Mercedes Rinck with the King County Regional Homelessness Authority!

Hi Therese :)

From Kristin Ang, FAN (she/her) to Everyone 12:36 PM

Housing Justice Act (Rep. Simmons) Prohibit landlord discrimination for those with prior convictions

Washington Can't Wait Campaign: Pass HB1099 Climate Change and SB5042 closing GMA Loophole, Fully Fund HB1220 Housing Equity.

HB 1099 [Rep. Duerr] Climate Change. Improving the state's climate response through updates to the state's comprehensive planning framework. To ensure Washington cities and counties are planning for climate-resilient communities while reducing our contributions to the climate crisis.

[Sen. Das] RENEW ACT- Producer responsibility. Goal of reducing plastics and wastes. (Zero Waste WA and Toxic Free Future)

<https://futurewise.salsalabs.org/wacantwaitcampaignkickoff/index.html>

From Linda Hillesheim to Everyone 12:37 PM

Linda Hillesheim, Unity of Bellevue, EISCC board member/past president, linda.hillesheim@gmail.com

From Kristin Ang, FAN (she/her) to Everyone 12:38 PM

<https://www.waisn.org/health-equity-for-immigrants>

HB1191 Health Equity for Immigrants (Rep. Thai)

<https://frontandcentered.org/energy-for-all-hb1490/>

From Therese Paxton - Peer Kent/KCLS (she/her) to Everyone 12:38 PM

will all this information be sent in the minutes email?

From Kristin Ang, FAN (she/her) to Everyone 12:39 PM

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zCSWJDIFjL6Yluy0m6PVeHXRdn-Hz4pg08Vibba4SL0/edit#heading=h.81wyvvtk8j69n>

From Patty Ebner to Everyone 12:39 PM

The contents of the chat and general minutes will be provided to our email distribution list.

From Therese Paxton - Peer Kent/KCLS (she/her) to Everyone 12:39 PM

Thank you.

From Carol Ryan, (she/her) Attain Housing to Everyone 12:40 PM

How does FAN interact, if at all, with the Poor People's Campaign for advocacy on the federal level?

From Me to Everyone 12:47 PM

Are there others from Kim Schrier's district?

From Kristin Ang, FAN (she/her) to Everyone 12:50 PM

<http://www.opportunityinstitute.org/>

<https://budgetandpolicy.org/>

Budget and Policy Center works to advance economic justice in Washington

Interfaith Advocacy Day (February 10th) -advocating your legislators.

From Paul Benz to Everyone 12:55 PM

1-800-562-6000

From Kristin Ang, FAN (she/her) to Everyone 12:56 PM

Thank you all! Please feel free to email or call. ANg@fanwa.org 253-306-7427

From Carol Ryan, (she/her) Attain Housing to Everyone 12:57 PM

<https://www.attainhousing.org/holiday-giving/>

From Me to Everyone 12:57 PM

About severe weather concerns: At this point, the need for volunteers is even more crucial than space for severe winter shelters, so please spread the word that we need volunteers to help with staffing the shelters during severe weather conditions. Sometimes regular staff live far away and just cannot get there when their roads are not yet plowed. So we need volunteers in all corners of the county who can lend a hand at a nearby shelter, or step in for a few hours to allow regular staff to get some sleep onsite when it is too dangerous for them to drive home and return. The person to contact is Alexis Rinck alexis.rinck@kcrha.org

From Ellen Weiss Phelps to Everyone 12:58 PM

Heading out to another meeting. Thanks for a great meeting and happy holidays to all! Ellen

From Carol Ryan, (she/her) Attain Housing to Everyone 12:58 PM

Sorry I hit send too soon! Attain Housing's Holiday Campaign continues. Learn more at <https://www.attainhousing.org/holiday-giving/>

From Ellen Weiss Phelps to Everyone 12:58 PM

Ellen Weiss Phelps, Temple B'nai Torah, Bellevue

From Beverly Tasy to Everyone 01:00 PM

The Rev. Beverly Tasy from St. Margarets

From Linda Mitchell to Everyone 01:06 PM

206-245-1026 is the family shelter intake line for King County

We'll forward the press release with detail on Thursday!

From Linda Mitchell - MP Comms Director to Everyone 01:07 PM

Thank you, Steve!

From Arlene Hampton (she/her) to Everyone 01:07 PM

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From Arlene Hampton (she/her) to Everyone 01:14 PM

A pleasure meeting you all. Peace & Blessings!

From Patty Ebner to Everyone 01:14 PM

Thank you Jean!!!

From Me to Everyone 01:14 PM

distribution in the minutes.

From Brenda NAMI* Eastside to Everyone 01:15 PM

Grand Blessings

From Kimberly Eickerman to Everyone 01:17 PM

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